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Hard Drive Quick Start Guide
Dell® Inspiron 3000, 3500, and 7000 Series Notebook Computers

This document contains all the information you need to install your Simple Technology hard drive in the following Dell® Inspiron 3000, 3500, and 7000 Series notebook computers.

Inspiron 3000	Inspiron3500 C300XT Celeron	Inspiron 7000 A366LT
Inspiron 3000 M166ST w/MMX	Inspiron3500 C333XT Celeron	Inspiron 7000 A400LT
Inspiron 3000 M200ST w/MMX	Inspiron3500 C366XT Celeron	Inspiron 7000 C366LT Celeron
Inspiron 3000 M233XT w/MMX	Inspiron3500 C400GT Celeron	Inspiron 7000 C400LT Celeron
Inspiron 3000 M266XT	Inspiron3500 D233XT	Inspiron 7000 D266GT
Inspiron3500 A300GT	Inspiron3500 D266GT	Inspiron 7000 D266XT
Inspiron3500 A333GT	Inspiron3500 D266XT	Inspiron 7000 D300GT
Inspiron3500 A366GT	Inspiron3500 D300GT	Inspiron 7000 D300LT
Inspiron3500 A400GT	Inspiron 7000 A333GT	

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1 **Introduction**

Simple Technology's hard drives provide the fastest and easiest way to increase the storage capacity for your Dell® Inspiron 3000, 3500, and 7000 notebook computers.

2 **Dell Inspiron 3000 Notebooks**

To install your Simple Technology hard drive in a Dell Inspiron 3000 notebook computer:

A. Turn the notebook upside-down.

B. Locate the hard drive compartment at the top-left corner of the notebook.

C. Remove the two Phillips screws that secure the hard drive.

D. Slide the hard drive out of the compartment. Then slide your new Simple Technology drive into the notebook, making sure it is firmly connected.

E. Replace the two Philips screws you removed in step C.

F. If the hard drive is not formatted, format it using the procedure under Section 5 of this Guide.

G. To create a Windows 98 startup disk, refer to Section 6 of this Guide.

3 **Dell Inspiron 3500 Notebooks**

To install your Simple Technology hard drive in a Dell Inspiron 3500 notebook computer:

A. If the AC adapter is connected to the notebook, unplug the AC adapter.

B. Remove the primary battery. If the secondary battery is present, remove it, too.

C. Remove the hard disk locking screw on the bottom of the notebook.

D. Pull out the hard disk, using the black plastic tab.

E. Slide your new Simple Technology hard drive into the notebook. Secure the drive using the locking screw you removed in step C.

F. Insert the battery.

G. If the hard drive is not formatted, format it using the procedure under Section 5 of this Guide.

H. To create a Windows 98 startup disk, refer to Section 6 of this Guide.

4 Dell Inspiron 7000 Notebooks

If your Simple Technology hard drive is not formatted, you must format it before it can hold data.

A. Turn the notebook upside-down.

B. Locate the hard drive compartment at the center of the notebook.

C. Remove the two screws that secure the hard drive to the bottom of the computer. The front edge of the cover pops up when you remove the screws.

D. Slide the hard rive toward the front of the computer, then lift the drive out of the computer.

E. Insert your new Simple Technology hard drive into the notebook.

F. Replace the two screws you removed in step C to secure the hard drive to the bottom of the computer.

5 Formatting a New Hard Drive

If your Simple Technology hard drive is not formatted, you must format it before it can hold data.

A. Boot from a startup disk. Then, at the DOS prompt, type **FDISK** and press the Enter key.

B. When prompted about creating a partition over 2 GB, answer **Yes**. (Older versions of FDISK do not ask this question.)

C. When the menu appears, select **1. Create DOS partition or Logical DOS Drive** and press Enter.

D. When prompted, select **1. Create Primary DOS Partition** and press Enter.

E. When prompted, either press Enter to accept the default size or press **N** to define a custom partition size.

F. Press Esc until you return to the FDISK options. Then select **2. Set active partition.**

G. Press 1 to make the primary partition active. Then press Esc until you return to the DOS prompt. Restart your notebook to have your changes take effect.

6 Creating a Windows 98 Startup Disk

A Windows 98 startup disk serves as an emergency boot disk should the operating system fail to load. The startup disk also contains tools you can use to troubleshoot boot problems.

A. Click the Start button on the Taskbar, point to **Settings**, and click **Control Panel**.

B. Double click the **Add/Remove Programs** icon. From the Add/Remove Programs Properties screen, click **Startup Disk**.

C. Insert a blank floppy disk into your notebook's floppy drive, then click the **Create Disk** button.

D. After the startup disk is created, close all windows and restart your computer with the startup disk in the drive to verify it works.